

o'clock in the evening. It was nearly midnight before medical help could be obtained, and then it was too late to be of use. Mr. Fowler had been in poor health for some time, and had often threatened suicide.

Edward Snow, a freight brakeman, had a narrow escape at Rutland the other morning. He was on top of a car which was wet and he slipped as the train suddenly started, falling across the rails between two of the cars. Fortunately the train got "stalled," and before it started again a railroad man named Welsh who was near pulled Snow out from his perilous situation. Snow was unconscious, but did not receive serious injuries. There was a slight cut on his right cheek and one arm was bruised.

The division of Rutland cannot, it is said, affect the tenure of office of the 15 justices of the peace chosen in September, and there is nothing to prevent their serving two years. Those justices must serve, however, by the terms of the West Rutland bill in the towns where they are legal voters after the division takes effect in March. West Rutland will then have five justices, Proctor two and Rutland eight. The governor can, on petition, appoint seven more for Rutland, while the other towns can also petition for several additional justices.

The legislature has just settled a lively neighborhood row at Rutland by passing a bill which declares that a fence more than six feet high designed to shut the light from a neighbor's windows, is a public nuisance. Two rich neighbors on Cottage street, one of the "best" streets in the town, quarreled over unseemly language, and finally one of them ran a high board fence on the division line so close to the other's windows that the latter could not open some of his blinds. The row was thus advertised to all the town-folk, who crowded the street to view the "circus." The big fence must now come down, however, and Cottage street can return to its normal dignity.

A delegation of the inhabitants of the newly-created town of Proctor turned out Friday night last to receive Governor Proctor, on his return by the late train from Montpelier. On his arrival they escorted him from the depot to the piazza in front of the store, where the governor addressed 200 people, saying in substance that, although there had been differences of opinion between them and their Rutland friends, they should now, as good neighbors, forget this and cherish only good will and the best of feelings for their opponents. These words were received with hearty applause by all present. The cornet band rendered some music and a canon was fired off by several enthusiastic young men, which closed the proceedings of the reception.—Rutland Herald.

General News.

DOMESTIC.

An Uxbridge (Mass.) woman has been awarded a verdict for \$854 against Frank Huston of Providence, R. I., for breach of promise of marriage.

Mr. Charles Jonas of Wisconsin has been reappointed consul to Prague despite the protest made by the Austrian government at the time of his previous appointment to that office.

Commodore Benham, inspector of the third lighthouse district, which embraces Bedlow's Island, is ordered to take steps for the lighting of the Bartholdi Statue of Liberty as soon as possible.

The Indiana official returns of the recent election show the following result on the State ticket: Robertson, Republican, for Lieutenant-governor, 231,922; Nelson, Democrat, 228,603; Gale, Prohibition, 9185; Pope, National, 4646; Robertson's plurality 3319. Mr. La Follette, Republican candidate for superintendent of public instruction, leads his ticket with 284,260 votes.

Mayor Grace of New York has appointed two well-known ladies of that city to be commissioners on the board of education. They are Miss Grace Dodge and Mrs. Mary Nash Agnew. Miss Dodge is a daughter of the late William E. Dodge, who has taken a marked interest in the school and charitable work of the city. Mrs. Agnew is the wife of Dr. Cornelius Agnew, the oculist.

The Thanksgiving proclamation of Governor Currier of New Hampshire is to be boycotted, it is reported, by all the ministers throughout the State, because it makes no reference to the Supreme Being. Governor Currier's proclamation last year was also boycotted for the same reason. The majority of the ministers have decided to read President Cleveland's proclamation on Thanksgiving day instead of the governor's.

The most stubborn woman in Missouri died in bed in the Pettis county poor-house the other day. She was colored and named Sarah Anderson. Nine years ago she got very mad at the keeper of the poor-farm, and in her wild rage was locked in her room. She went to bed, and for nine years refused to get up. She was not in the least sick, and after being dragged out by force a few times to no effect, was allowed to lie there, where she died.

Henry M. Stanley will come to New York in a few days, declining an invitation to lecture in Dublin for lack of time. He has latterly developed a great repugnance to lecturing in Wales, which is his native country. He spent his early days in a Welsh work-house, and has no precise knowledge of his parentage. Whenever he goes to Wales he is sure to encounter 20 or 30 old women who per-

sist in claiming him as a son or nephew or some other near relation. This is embarrassing, and so he has determined to keep out of the way.

News has reached Louisville of a terrible outrage in Menifee county, Ky. A few days after the congressional election, says a Louisville Post special, it became known that Rev. Louis Hughes, an aged and respected citizen, had voted the Republianticket, which was the first he had ever cast with the party. A crowd of regulators went to his house and, although he was in bed sick, tied him and beat him with sticks, breaking his jaw bone and fracturing his skull. Sam Poffett, one of the gang, has been arrested.

A tall, slender lad who gave his name as Henry Blakesley of Pittsburg, Pa., 17, walked into a New York police station the other night, and said he was a thief, and gave an account of his many stealings. He wanted to reform. The police investigation found that his story was true, but, as no one cared to prosecute him, he was turned over to Surrogate Hollings to be placed on the receiving-ship Minnesota. According to the boy's story, he belongs to a good family, inherited \$4000 on his father's death, but was expelled from school and driven from home by his step-father on account of his thefts.

Last week's storm on Lake Superior was the fiercest for years. At Marquette the lake was lashed into a sea of foam by the terrible force of the wind and sea after sea rolled completely over the breakwater producing a tremendous current and undertow in the harbor. Vessels at the docks snapped their heavy lines like threads and were soon compelled to go out and lie at anchor. The breakwater harbor light was torn from its heavy timber fastenings and washed into the sea. The tower was lifted by an immense wave and hurled top first into the lake, where it drifted rapidly toward the rolling-mill. Many lives were lost and a great amount of property destroyed.

Secretary of the Interior Lamar advises, in a matter of 451 entries made in Humboldt, Cal., under the timber land act on which patents have been issued, that suits be instituted to vacate the patents. This action is the result of an investigation upon which the department holds that the entries were fraudulently made in the interest of a Scotch corporation organized to obtain control of all the valuable redwood timber lands in that country, and that the foreign corporation was aided in the work by a firm in California and by men employed by that firm. The secretary in his letter to the attorney-general characterizes the scheme by which the patents were obtained as an extensive conspiracy culminating in a monstrous fraud.

The report of the postmaster-general shows that the revenues of the department for the past year amounted to \$43,948,871, and the expenditure to \$50,829,340, leaving a cash deficit of not quite \$7,000,000. On account of the supreme court decision in the case of the Pacific railroads, this is increased to \$8,254,000. The actual appropriation by Congress was \$54,183,000, so that the expense came within the appropriation by over \$3,000,000. The loss of revenue from the reduction of letter postage to two cents has now been fully met and there will be a steady growth hereafter. The appropriation for the current year is \$54,365,000, from which the department hopes to save \$1,000,000. The revenue for 1887 is estimated at \$50,612,000, and the expenditure at \$55,342,000.

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A limited express train on the Pan Handle railroad, consisting of several mail and baggage cars and three Pullman coaches in the rear, was moving slowly along the base of Mt. Washington on the south bank of the Monongahela river, one mile out from Pittsburg, Pa., at 6:30 o'clock on a recent morning, when a great mass of earth, loosened on the mountainside by the rains, came crashing down upon the three rear cars. A ton of earth struck the first sleeper, crushed in the top near the center and filled the interior with rocks and dirt. Only a few passengers were in this car. The other sleepers were filled with dirt and rocks and half a dozen persons were hurt, some of them seriously. The rains had loosened the soil on the side of the mountain.

FOREIGN.

Advices have been received at London to the effect that a ship crowded with native laborers returning from Queen's land plantations founded in the Pacific ocean and that 140 lives were lost.

Dr. Beaulieu in the *Economiste Français* gives the following as the amount of tobacco consumed by each 1000 people in Europe, each year: In Spain, 110 pounds; Italy, 128; Great Britain, 138; Prussia, 182; Hungary, 207; France, 210; Denmark, 284; Norway, 229; Austria, 273; Germany, 336; Holland, 448; Belgium, 500.

Bandits are becoming unusually bold and aggressive in some parts of Cuba. A party under Romero called recently at the sugar plantation "Gorrillo," on the road about half-way between Havanna and Matanzas, and demanded \$10,000 of the owner, Señor Francisco Pedraso. It was refused and the dwellings, factories, depots, extensive cane-fields, farming utensils and almost everything of value on the plantation were burned. In the province of Santa Clara a band captured the steward of the sugar estate "Santa Llagardo," and obtained a ransom of \$500.

—There will be 25,000 styles of Christmas cards this year.

LITERARY NOTES.

Mrs. J. Gregory Smith of St. Albans has lately published in book form her interesting "Notes of Travel in Mexico, California and Utah," which form a handsome 125-page volume which may be had, in paper covers, at 25 cents, from the Messenger office, St. Albans.

In the current Popular Science Monthly John Burroughs writes on "Science and Theology"; Dr. Oswald on "Zoological Superstitions"; Mrs. E. Linton Linton on "The Higher Education of Women"; Capt. Cyprian Bridge of "Life in the South Seas Islands"; E. Y. Robbins on "How to Warm Our Houses," and other eminent persons give equally valuable results of their studies and observations. The Monthly, which costs \$5 a year, is published by Appleton & Co., New York.

The new Scribner's Magazine will appear on the 15th of the coming month. The publishers announce a variety of first-class matter and promise that the magazine will be fully illustrated. It will cost \$1 a year.

The December Harper's is a Christmas number and has attractive contents, including these illustrated articles: "The Boyhood of Christ" by Gen. Lew Wallace; "The Legend of St. Nicholas," a poem by Elizabeth W. Latimer; "Polly, a Christmas Recollection," Thos. N. Page; "Sally in Our Alley, a Song," Henry Carey; "The Mouse-Trap," a farce by Howells; "The White Garden," a story; "The Legend of Frey Bernardino," a poem by R. H. Stoddard; "Wood Notes," W. H. Gibson; "King of Folly Island," a story by Sarah O. Jewett; "The Cup of Death," a story by Louise Chandler Moulton. Besides these there are two other stories, one by Farjeon and one by Blanche W. Howard, together with the editorial departments, making up a most attractive issue of this popular periodical.

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LEGISLATURE OF VERMONT.

TUESDAY, Nov. 18, 1886.

The Senate passed unanimously the bill incorporating the town of Proctor; also an act to provide for furnishing the State library building and others of local interest only.

The House passed the bill to equalize taxes on deposits in savings bank, the bill establishing a State board of pharmacy, and 40 or 50 more. It passed, among others, the Poland paper bill and the one enabling the city of Vergennes to issue bonds to provide electric light plant.

FRIDAY, Nov. 19.

The Senate passed the Vergennes electric light bill; an act to incorporate the village of Bristol; and the bill to incorporate the town of West Rutland.

The House passed bills providing for uniform ballots at elections, establishing a commission to modify the school laws; and the temperance education bill. Mr. Poland introduced the following joint resolution, which the House adopted:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the general assembly hereby received with deep regret, the announcement of the death of an illustrious and eminent son of Vermont, President Chester A. Arthur, distinguished not only for his political attainments and statesmanlike qualities prominently identified, as he was, with the Union cause during the Rebellion and subsequently filling the position of chief magistrate of the nation, but especially for his public services and the example of the entire country gave reason to feel grateful for his public services and the state of Vermont to be proud of her native son. The general assembly hereby manifested their respect and esteem for his memory and, in token of their sympathy, increased the assurance of their sympathy in the bereavement they have sustained.

SATURDAY, Nov. 20.

The Senate passed a lot of bills, including those giving teachers rights to holidays and amending the charter of the village of Rutland; amending an act to incorporate the Bristol railroad company and to enable certain towns to aid in the construction thereof approved November 28, 1882; providing for a railway commission. The bill providing for filling vacancies in the general assembly was killed, Senator Bates arguing that it was unconstitutional.

The House passed bills abolishing the office of highway surveyor; preventing the use of defective steam boilers; providing for a rail way commission; to incorporate the village of Bristol; the Middlebury bridge bill.

MONDAY, Nov. 22.

Both houses put in a hard day's work and disposed of a large number of bills. The ways and means committee reported a bill providing for the assessment of a State tax of 12 cents upon the grand list of 1887 also making an appropriation of \$60,000 for debtors of the General Assembly. A measure was introduced in the House providing for increasing the First regiment, Vermont National Guard, to 12 companies; also a bill to incorporate the Howe steel company of Rutland. The House passed a bill to provide State aid, eight dollars per month, for poor disabled soldiers who receive no government pension; a bill for the erection of a monument to the memory of the late Gen. G. J. Stannard, also a bill to establish a State agricultural experiment station at the University of Vermont, and appropriating \$3000 per annum therefor. An amendment to the bill, offered by Judge Poland, repeats all laws previously enacted in regard to agricultural matters, and abolishes the State board of agriculture. The amendment prevailed and the bill passed by nearly a unanimous vote. The bill to prohibit savings banks from investing in mortgages on real estate outside this State in excess of 10 per cent. of the entire assets of such bank was passed in the House. The Senate refused to pass the bill appropriating \$10,000 for the Bennington battle monument, also the bill allowing hook and line fishing in Lake Champlain at all seasons of the year.

TUESDAY, Nov. 23.

It is impossible to give a full report of Tuesday's doings, as a night session was held in order to dispose of business and reach a final adjournment Wednesday morning. In the Senate the bill providing State aid for soldiers was killed and also the bill abolishing the State board of agriculture.

Among the measures which the Senate passed were the Poland paper bill and Senator Hale's amendment to the liquor law, which has become a law. It reads as follows: "If any citizen, male or female, in any county in the State, makes complaint under oath or affirmation, before a justice of the peace, that he or she has reason to believe and does believe, that intoxicating liquor is kept or deposited in a dwelling house, store, shop, steamboat or water craft of any kind, depot, railway car or land carriage of any kind, warehouse, or other building or place in the town in which said justice resides, or in case it be in an unorganized town, then before any justice of the county in which said unorganized town is situated; the same being intended for sale or distribution among others, by a person not authorized to sell or distribute the same, said justice shall issue a warrant to any sheriff or constable to search the premises described in such complaint; and if intoxicating liquor is found therein under circumstances warranting the belief that it is intended for sale or distribution contrary to the provisions of this chapter, such officer shall seize the same and convey it to some proper place of security and keep it until action is had thereon, and in any such case, the having a United States license, by the owner or possessor of such seized liquor, or the person occupying and using the premises in which the seized liquor was found, shall be prima facie evidence that the said liquor is kept for illegal sale, furnishing or giving away."

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The House passed the Bennington moniment bill appropriating \$10,000, and the following: To create a State board of health; to elect county commissioners biennially, regulating the running of railroad trains on Sunday, and many others of local interest only. It will be necessary to defer till next week the account of the close of the session.

The Markets.

VERMONT PRODUCE.

At Vergennes, Saturday, butter was quiet at 18¢ a lb. & 25¢ a lb.; selections, 25¢ a lb.; eggs are advancing, and brought 25¢ a lb. doz.; chickens 10¢ a lb. & 12¢ a lb.; bacon, \$1 a lb. 25¢ a lb.; apples, \$1.50 a lb. & 1.75 a lb. barrel; potatoes, quiet at 25¢ a lb. bushel; beef, 4¢ a lb. and 5¢ a lb.; pork, 4¢ a lb. 5¢ a lb.; hay quiet at 8¢ a lb. \$10 a ton.

At Richmond, Monday, the butter market was quiet, receipts light. Butter fair to good, 18¢ a lb. & 25¢ a lb.; choices, 21¢ a lb. cents; cheese, 23¢ a lb.

Factory cheese, 12¢ a lb. 15¢ a lb.; dairy, 11¢ a lb. & 12¢ a lb. Potatoes, 35¢ a lb. 37¢ a lb. bushel.

At St. Albans, Monday, the butter market was quiet, receipts light. Butter fair to good, 18¢ a lb. & 25¢ a lb.; choices, 21¢ a lb. cents; cheese, 23¢ a lb.

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